



City of Kingston

2018 Budget Message

Steven T. Noble, Mayor

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There is no doubt that the City of Kingston is having its moment.

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Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council 2017 Progress Report

“ Kingston has an ideal combination of recent strategic investments, shovel-ready future opportunities, involved anchor institutions and partners, recent infrastructure improvements, and supportive policies and plans to jump-start the planning process and leverage DRI investment to cement Kingston’s status as the region’s economic engine. ”

Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council 2017 Progress Report

Tax Rates Continue To Decline

City Tax Rates per \$1,000

2016

- ▶ Homestead: \$10.16
- ▶ Non-Homestead: \$18.31

2017

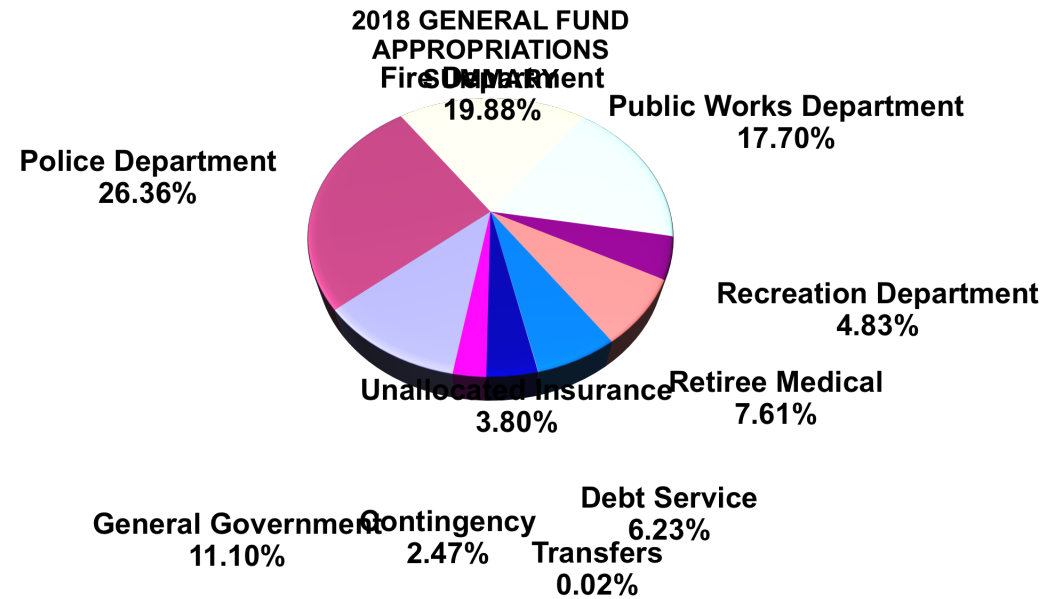
- ▶ Homestead: \$10.10
- ▶ Non-Homestead: \$18.13

2018- Proposed

- ▶ Homestead: \$9.95
- ▶ Non-Homestead: \$17.36

City Spending - By Purpose

Allocation of \$1,493 In City Tax Paid on \$150,000 Residence





Public Safety





Public Works





Parks and Recreation

Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs



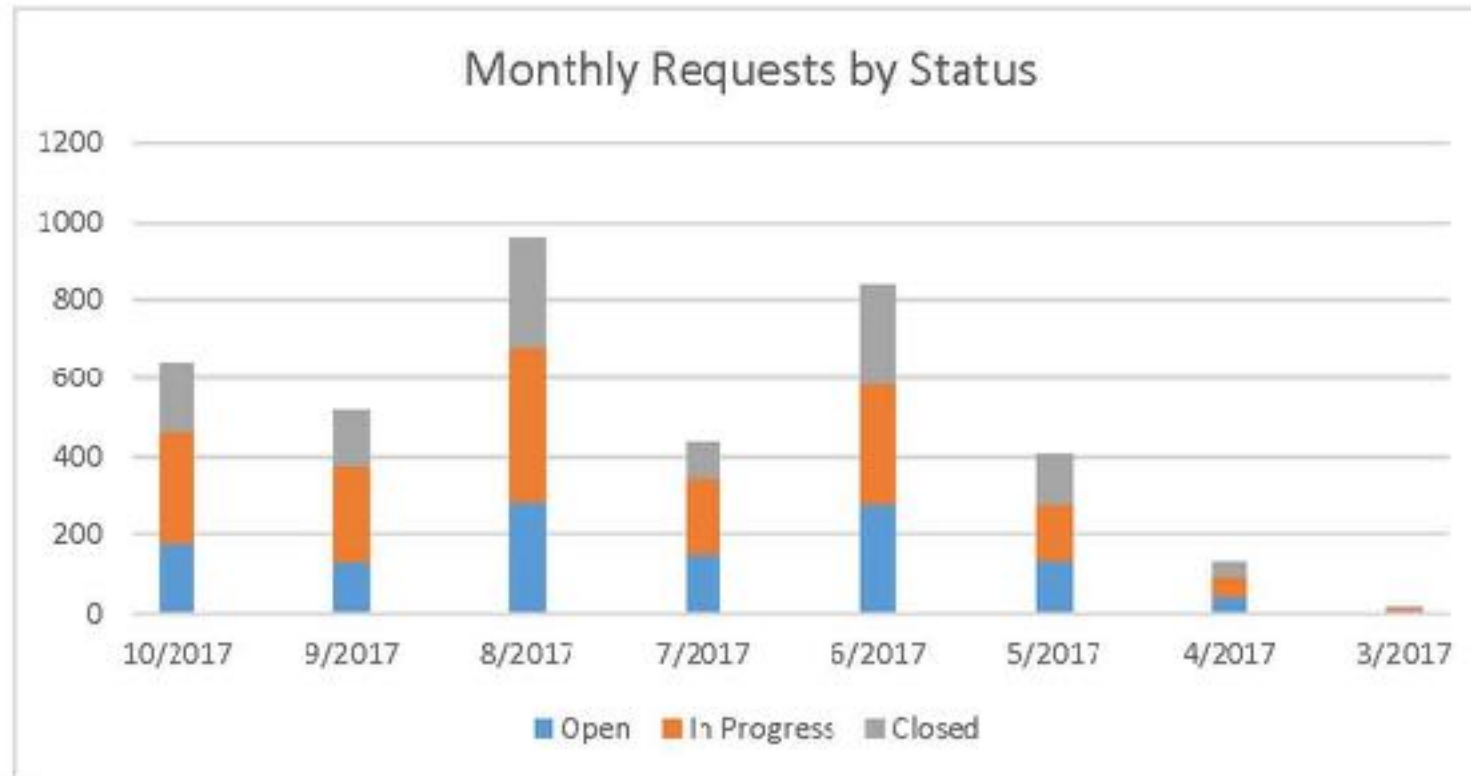
Vision

The City of Kingston will be a 'Model City' of energy, environmental and economic sustainability by 2020 within city government operations and throughout the community.

Sustainability



General Government



This report shows Service Requests month by month, separated by status (Open, In Progress and Closed)

Month	Open	In Progress	Closed
10/2017	178	286	177
9/2017	130	248	140
8/2017	289	393	275
7/2017	150	197	93
6/2017	282	302	255
5/2017	135	146	126
4/2017	46	49	38
3/2017	7	7	4



- ▶ Hiring a part-time Director of Health and Wellness to facilitate these efforts and to ensure that the City of Kingston is on track to becoming one of the healthiest cities in New York State
- ▶ Live Well Kingston brings partners and residents together to facilitate policy, environmental and systems changes that result in a healthy and active community
 - ▶ Eat Well
 - ▶ Travel Well
 - ▶ Age Well
 - ▶ Play Well

Arts and Culture



- ▶ Encouraging the organic growth of arts throughout the City of Kingston
- ▶ Supporting this development and ensuring that those who are contributing to this economic growth are not displaced by it
- ▶ Hiring a part-time Director of Arts and Culture in 2018 to support these efforts and to ensure that the City is being responsive to our arts community

Participatory Budgeting



- ▶ **Conducted Budget Surveys in 2016 and 2017**
- ▶ **Hosted Community Budget Forums in 2016 and 2017**
- ▶ **Allocated \$10,000 for each business district in 2018 for new participatory budgeting project**

If the 2018 Recommended Budget is approved:

- ▶ Our tax levy would remain at \$17,650,940, the third year in a row (0% increase)
- ▶ For the second year in a row, tax rates per \$1,000 would decline for both homestead (from \$10.10 to \$9.95) and non-homestead (\$18.13 to \$17.36)
- ▶ Over \$1,000,000 would be placed in contingency in preparation for potential contract settlements and non-recurring expenses
- ▶ All essential services would be preserved
- ▶ No eliminations of currently filled full-time positions would occur
- ▶ Grant supported infrastructure improvements and capital projects would proceed and a full-time asset manager would be hired
- ▶ New technology would be used to enhance public safety, ensure digital security, increase accountability and follow up, and reduce paper redundancies
- ▶ A participatory budgeting project would be launched for the first time in the City's history